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**WASHINGTON, D. C., SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 1921.**

**AGITATE!  
EDUCATE!  
ORGANIZE!**

**WHOLE NO. 513.**

### INDIVIDUAL BARGAINING

Individual bargaining has "been weighed and found wanting." For centuries employers deal with workers as individuals, while organizations of laborers were declared criminals and treated as such by the state.

During all this period, down to a comparatively few years ago, the power of these employers to apply their individual bargaining theory was unchallenged.

Who is responsible for the change? Why have 5,000,000 workers rejected the "free and independent" status favored by employers?

At one time these employers had individual bargaining in their plants. They alone set wages and hours. They dictated working conditions. They were as complete masters of their employees as is Garyism in the steel trust's mills.

What was the condition, what changed it?

Could a few "agitators" or labor leaders overthrow a system supported by the state and every other power at the command of the master? Or did the system collapse because it rested on greed?

The history of production and distribution in every country convicts the individual bargaining of employers. He had a free hand in dealing with free and independent workers and these employees were driven into unions like wild geese on the prairie, who are forced to form a circle, circle in and out, and circle in and out.

When wage earners had no voice in working conditions they were thrown down as the steel trust's 11 and 13-hour shifts in 1921.

If individual bargaining means justice to the workers, why must they be protected by spies, policemen and the military force?

Does he imagine that workers forget when he talks of the "glories" of individual bargaining?

"A burnt child dreads the fire."

Agitate! Educate! Organize!

### DISCUSS OUT OF WORK.

OWAS, Ontario, Jan. 29.—In a circular on unemployment and underemployment issued by the Ontario Council of Canada, the volume is greater than in any other country in the world. It is not certain that the unemployment is much more serious than in other countries, but the fact that the wages generally being paid are not sufficient to support the family is a serious matter.

One officer pointed out that in none of the pre-war years in England was the unemployment as high as it is now. He said that the unemployment in England was not so serious as in this country.

"England is basing her policy on the fact that the unemployment is not so serious as in this country," he said. "The unemployment in England is not so serious as in this country."

### TEACHERS UNDERPAID.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 29.—The action of the teachers in this city in striking for a 10 percent increase in salary is being met by the school board with a determination to resist the teachers' demands.

### CHILD LABOR LAW VOID.

Covington, Ky., Jan. 29.—The state child labor law, which has been held void by the U. S. Supreme Court, is being enforced by the state child labor board.

### TO TRAIN SEAMEN.

Philadelphia, Jan. 29.—The convention of the International Seamen's Union of North America is being held in this city.

### OPPOSE DEAD MEN'S LAWS.

Washington, N. C., Jan. 29.—A resolution was adopted by the state legislature to oppose the "dead men's laws" which are being passed by the state legislature.

### REJECT WAGE CUT.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 29.—By a vote of 121 to 10, the Michigan legislature has rejected a bill to reduce the minimum wage from \$1.25 an hour to \$1.00 an hour.

### WILL OWN CEMENT PLANT.

Flint, Mich., Jan. 29.—The state legislature has passed a bill to allow the state to own a cement plant.

### ANTI-ALIEN LAW PROPOSED.

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 29.—A draft anti-alien bill has been introduced in the state legislature.

### VIOLATE 16-HOUR LAW.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 29.—The government has started proceedings to prosecute the New Haven & Hartford railroad, which is charged with violating the 16-hour law.

### MINERS' UNION GROWS.

Indianapolis, Jan. 29.—The United Mine Workers of America has reported a gain of 10,000 members in the last year.

### COAL OWNERS BACK THUGS.

Williamson, W. Va., Jan. 29.—The coal owners in this state are being accused of backing thugs to suppress the coal miners' union.

### RECOGNIZE SHOE WORKERS.

Cincinnati, Jan. 29.—The United Shoe Workers of America has been recognized by the state legislature.

### "CAN'T-STRIKE" LAW HAS RUCKY TRAVELING

Peoria, Kan., Jan. 29.—The "can't-strike" law in this state is being challenged by the labor union.

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### PRICE REDUCES SLOWLY.

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### WANT SCHMERS CURBED.

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### WILL FIGHT 44-HOUR WEEK.

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### RAILROADS "FARM OUT."

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